

tax liability of the residents of such possession under such system is determined by reference to the income tax laws of the United States as if such possession were the United States.

(C) TREATMENT OF PAYMENTS.—For purposes of section 1324(b)(2) of title 31, United States Code, the payments under this subsection shall be treated in the same manner as a refund due from the credit allowed under section 6428 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (as added by this section).

(C) APPROPRIATIONS TO CARRY OUT RECOVERY REBATES.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The following sums are hereby appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, to implement the provisions of this section (including the amendments made by this section):

(A) For an additional amount for “Department of the Treasury—Financial Management Service—Salaries and Expenses”, \$64,175,000, to remain available until September 30, 2009.

(B) For an additional amount for “Department of the Treasury—Internal Revenue Service—Taxpayer Services”, \$50,720,000, to remain available until September 30, 2009.

(C) For an additional amount for “Department of the Treasury—Internal Revenue Service—Operations Support”, \$151,415,000, to remain available until September 30, 2009.

(2) REPORTS.—No later than 15 days after enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the Treasury shall submit a plan to the Committees on Appropriations of the House of Representatives and the Senate detailing the expected use of the funds provided by this subsection. Beginning 90 days after enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the Treasury shall submit a quarterly report to the Committees on Appropriations of the House of Representatives and the Senate detailing the actual expenditure of funds provided by this subsection and the expected expenditure of such funds in the subsequent quarter.

(d) REFUNDS DISREGARDED IN THE ADMINISTRATION OF FEDERAL PROGRAMS AND FEDERALLY ASSISTED PROGRAMS.—Any credit or refund allowed or made to any individual by reason of section 6428 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (as amended by this section) or by reason of subsection (b) of this section shall not be taken into account as income and shall not be taken into account as resources for the month of receipt and the following two months, for purposes of determining the eligibility of such individual or any other individual for benefits or assistance, or the amount or extent of benefits or assistance, under any Federal program or under any State or local program financed in whole or in part with Federal funds.

(e) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

(1) Paragraph (2) of section 1324(b) of title 31, United States Code, is amended by inserting “or 6428” after “section 35”.

(2) Paragraph (1) of section 1(i) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by striking subparagraph (D).

(3) The item relating to section 6428 in the table of sections for subchapter B of chapter 65 of such Code is amended to read as follows:

“Sec. 6428. 2008 recovery rebates for individuals.”.

SEC. 102. TEMPORARY INCREASE IN LIMITATIONS ON EXPENSING OF CERTAIN DEPRECIABLE BUSINESS ASSETS.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the committee

on armed services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, February 6, 2008, at 9:30 a.m. in open session to receive testimony on the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2009, the Future Years Defense Program, and the fiscal year 2009 request for operations in Iraq and Afghanistan.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, February 6, 2008, at 10 a.m., in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building in order to conduct a hearing. At this hearing, the Committee will hear testimony regarding Department of Energy's budget for fiscal year 2009.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Environment and Public Works be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, February 6, 2008 at 10 a.m. in room 406 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building in order to hold a hearing entitled, “Perspectives on the Surface Transportation Commission Report.”

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Environment and Public Works be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, February 6, 2008 in room 410 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building at 10:05 a.m. in order to hold a business meeting to consider the following item: S. 2146, a bill to authorize the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to accept, as part of a settlement, diesel emission reduction Supplemental Environmental Projects, and for other purposes.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, February 6, 2008, at 10 a.m., in room 215 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, in order to hear testimony on “The President's Fiscal Year 2009 Budget Proposal.”

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the

Senate on Wednesday, February 6, 2008, at 9:30 a.m. in order to hold a hearing on denuclearization of the Korean peninsula.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, February 6, 2008, at 1 p.m. in order to hold a nomination hearing.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, February 6, 2008, at 3 p.m. in order to hold a briefing on Sudan.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR

Mr. BAUCUS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the following fellows, interns, and detailees of the staff of the Finance Committee be granted the privilege of the floor for the duration of the debate on the economic stimulus bill: Mary Baker, Tom Louthan, Elise Stein, Susan Hinck, Suzanne Payne, Hy Hinojosa, Connie Cookson, Mollie Lane, Ben Miller, Emily Schwartz, Tyler Gamble, Blake Thompson, Michael Bagel, and Kayleigh Brown.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The majority leader is recognized.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Jeffry Phan, a fellow in Senator BINGAMAN's office, be given the privileges of the floor for the pendency of H.R. 5140 and all votes thereon.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

DO-NOT-CALL IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 2007

Mr. DURBIN. I ask unanimous consent that the Commerce Committee be discharged from further consideration of H.R. 3541, and the Senate proceed to its immediate consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The clerk will report the bill by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 3541) to amend the “Do-not-call” Implementation Act to eliminate the automatic removal of telephone numbers registered on the Federal “do-not-call” registry.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

Mr. DURBIN. I ask unanimous consent that the bill be read a third time, passed, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table with no intervening